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# Consumer Confidence Index in Ukraine, July 2017: 59.4

Kyiv, July 14 2017 – In June 2017 consumer confidence of Ukrainians a bit improved: Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) was 59.4 which is 1.4 p. more than it was in May. Index of Devaluation Expectations changed the most. It is proved by the survey of consumer confidence in Ukraine, which is conducted by GfK Ukraine monthly.

In June 2017 Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) was 59.4, which is 1.4 p. more than it was in May 2017.

*Index of the Current Situation (ICS)* increased by 1 p. and it was 52.3. Components of this index have changed in the following way:

- Index of Current Personal Financial Standing (x1) is 47.5, which is
   0.2 p. less than it was in May;
- Index of Propensity to Consume (x5) increased by 2.3 p. and stopped at 57.

*Index of Economic Expectations (IEE)* increased by 1.6 p. and in June it was 64.1. Components of this index have changed in the following way:

- Index of Expected Changes in Personal Financial Standing (x2)
   increased by 0.2 p. in comparison with the last month and it is 62.5;
- Index of Expected Economic Conditions in the Country over the Next Year (x3) increased by 2.4 p. and it is 58.5;
- Index of Expected Economic Conditions in the Country over the Next 5 Years (x4) is 71.4 p., which is 2.2 p. more, than it was last month.

Ukrainians' expectations regarding unemployment have improved - *Index* of *Expected Changes in Unemployment* is 131.8, which is less than last month by 3.9 p. *Index of Inflationary Expectations* is 183.1, which is 2 p. more than it was in May. Ukrainians' expectations regarding the UAH exchange rate over the next 3 months have improved: *Index of Devaluation Expectations* has decreased by 9.1 p. – to 133.6.

«In June 2017 Consumer Confidence Index persisted on the highest level over the last 2 years. This was facilitated by considerable decrease of devaluation expectations», — data analysts from GfK Ukraine comment.

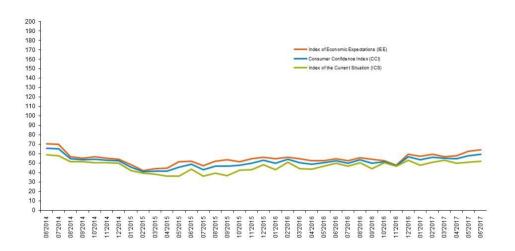
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### Consumer Confidence Index in Ukraine (16+ target group)





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Dynamics of the Consumer Confidence Index in Ukraine (16+ target group)						
Month, year	Consumer Confidence Index (CCI)	Index of the Current Situation (ICS)	Index of Economic Expec- tations (IEE)	Index of Expec- tations of Changes in Unem- ployment (IECU)	Index of Inflationary Expec- tations (IIE)	Index of Devaluation Expec- tations (IDE)
06'17	59.4	52.3	64.1	131.8	183.1	133.6
05'17	58.0	51.2	62.6	135.7	181.1	142.7
06'16	52.7	49.7	54.7	146.4	184.3	137.5

#### How the indices are calculated

The consumer confidence survey is conducted in Ukraine since June 2000. From January 2009 consumer confidence survey is conducted on a monthly basis.

In Ukraine, the Consumer Confidence Index is determined through a random survey of domestic households. The poll involves 1,000 individuals aged 16+. (Up to April 2014 the poll involved 1,000 respondents aged 15-59). A representative sample is selected by gender and age, also by type and size of settlement. In April 2014 Autonomous Republic of Crimea was excluded from the sample of consumer confidence research in Ukraine. The margin of error is 3.2%. The survey is carried out on 1-15<sup>th</sup> every month.

To define the CCI, respondents are asked these questions:

- 1. How has the financial standing of your family changed over the last six months?
- 2. How do you think your family's financial standing will change in the next six months?
- 3. Looking at economic conditions in the country as a whole, do you think the next 12 months will



be good or bad?

- 4. Looking at the next five years, will they be good ones or bad ones for the country's economy?
- 5. In terms of large purchases for your home, do you think now is generally a good time or a bad time to make such purchases?

Each of these questions is related to a corresponding index:

- Index of Current Personal Financial Standing (x1);
- Index of Expected Changes in Personal Financial Standing (x2);
- Index of Expected Economic Conditions in the Country Over the Next Year (x3);
- Index of Expected Economic Conditions in the Country Over the Next 5 Years (x4):
- Index of Propensity to Consume (x5).

Indices are constructed thus: the share of negative answers is deducted from the share of positive answers, and 100 is added to this difference in order to eliminate negative values. On the basis of these five indices, three aggregate indices are calculated:

- Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) as the arithmetic average of indices x1-x5;
- Index of the Current Situation (ICS) as the arithmetic average of indices x1 and x5;
- Index of Economic Expectations (IEE) as the arithmetic average of indices x2, x3, and x4.

Index values range from 0 to 200. The index equals 200 when all respondents positively assess the economic situation. It totals 100 when the shares of positive and negative assessments are equal. Indices of less than 100 indicate the prevalence of negative assessments.

To determine the Index of Expected Changes in Unemployment (IECU), the Index of Inflationary Expectations (IIE) and the Index of Devaluation Expectations (IDE), the respondents are asked these three questions:

- 1. Do you think that within next 12 months the number of unemployed (people who do not have job and are looking for work) will increase, will remain roughly the same, or will decrease?
- 2. How do you think that prices for major consumer goods and services will change in the next 1–2 months?
- 3. How do you think the USD value will change towards the UAH value during the next 3 months? The IECU, the IIE and the IDE are calculated thus: the share of answers that indicate a decrease of unemployment/inflation/devaluation is subtracted from the share of answers that indicate the growth of unemployment/inflation/devaluation, and 100 is added to the difference to eliminate negative values. The values of indices can vary from 0 to 200. The index totals 200 when all residents expect an increase in unemployment/inflation/devaluation.

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